

The Town of Newfields Conservation Commission  
Public Meeting Minutes  
March 21, 2005

Meeting called to order at 7:25 pm.

Conservation members present were: David Mason, Bobbie Byrne, Alison Watts, Lindsay Carroll, Lauren Hill, Carolyn Scanlon and Selectman Rep Janet Smith  
Guests: Patrick Seekamp, and Laurie Powers

Treasurers Report submitted by David Mason, See attached. David motioned to accept as read, seconded by Bobbie Byrne, all in favor YES.

Old Business: The 2/28/2005 NCC minutes were read. Lindsay Carroll motioned to accept as read, seconded by David Mason, all in favor YES.

Town vote to pass the Bond for the 304 acres, passed overwhelmingly. There was good media coverage and the word got out to the town residents to inform every one what was needed to get this passed.

Membership of the NCC: Ray Konisky was appointed by the Selectmen and Lindsay Carroll was re-appointed and will be sworn in tomorrow. Steve Shope was appointed as alternate. Selectmen Rep for the NCC will be newly elected Janet Smith.

Prime wetlands: Alison reported that Normadeau and West Consultant firms are candidates to conduct the prime wetland study for Newfields. After discussion it was decided to go with Mark West (West Environmental). Alison Watts motioned for the NCC to put up \$10,000 for the phase one of the prime wetlands study. The motion was seconded by David Mason, all in favor YES.

New Business: Patrick Seekamp introduced Laurie Powers to the Commission and went over the work done on the Falzone property project. The work was not completed because the Town may purchase the property. Patrick gave feedback to the committee on resources and wild life on the property, and showed maps of the property. Laurie mentioned that spotted turtles were seen and how very nice land it is and should be protected. Patrick gave some advice to the committee about this and future properties,

1. Important to focus on design to protect wetlands in long term, to have in the subdivision design up front. Restrict clearing trees on each individual lot.
2. Need for storm water management system for run off, retention ponds, retain water in subdivision plans, pitch driveways, storm drains, etc.

Patrick mentioned the EPA has programs that should be looked into for monitoring and enforcements of subdivisions. Patrick Seekamp offered his help in the future if we the NCC needed it.

Alison Watts mentioned the Newfields Celebration Committee needs help for the Memorial Day Parade and the next meeting on 3/28/05 at 7:00 pm should be attended by a member of this committee. Alison will call to see what is expected of the NCC in way of helping.

Correspondence:

Alison read of a seminar on 4/16/05 in Wear NH.

There will be in the near future a Land Stewardship course by the Rockingham County Land Trust to train residents of towns to do site walks once a year, in late spring.

Also two DES wetland permits regarding runoff impacts were discussed.

A logging permit was read.

Alison handed out a NH Estuaries Project Survey to be filled out and mailed back to the University of NH, Durham, NH. when completed.

Next NCC meeting will be on 4/18/05 at 7:00 pm. at the Newfields Town Hall.

No other Business.

David Mason motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Seconded by Bobbie Byrne, all in favor YES

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Scanlon